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**Immunization Rule Revision
Chapter 246-100-166
March 9, 2005**

History

WAC 246-100-166

- **Original immunization rule established in 1988**
- **Revised to add vaccines in 1992 and 1997**

Other Relevant Events Since 1988

- **Annually updated Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations**
- **Emergency health order**

Joint DOH & SBOH Project

- **Convene a DOH and SBOH workgroup**
- **Workgroup is to determine recommendations for changes to the WAC**
- **Identify policy related issues to be addressed in the future**

SBOH Direction

- **Make WAC organization and language generally more readable to reduce confusion**
- **Remove Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) data requirements**
- **Consider electronic CIS filing**
- **Align reporting dates**
- **Clarify reference to “schedule”**

SBOH Direction (cont.)

- **Reference most current ACIP guidelines for ages and intervals**
- **Remove requirement for secondary documents**
- **Define local health officer**
- **Clarify definition of childcare**
- **Clarify language regarding medical exemption**
- **Remove transfer-student exemption**

SBOH Revision Recommendations and Status of WAC 246-100-166

- **Outlines recommendations, identifies issues, and indicates revision status**
- **Identifies items or issues that need policy review discussion**

Rule Revision Process

- **Filed CR 101 in April 2003**
- **SBOH/DOH workgroup met regularly to revise rule language**
- **Solicited public comments from a variety of interested groups**

Interested Groups

- **DOH**
- **State and local school health organizations**
- **Child programs of other state agencies**

Additional SBOH Recommendations

- **Clarify when a health officer would exclude someone from school under WAC 246-110**
- **Clarify that schools are to keep a record of all exemptions and not just medical exemptions**

QUESTIONS

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